



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item 5
July 7, 2022
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Bike Skills Area Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Review and discuss Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Report, if desired provide additional recommendations.	
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EXHIBITS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Report2. Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Site Scoring Matrix3. Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Explanation of Scoring	

SUMMARY

On October 7, 2021, the Bike Skills Area (BSA) in Upper Luther Burbank Park was temporarily closed due to significant operating challenges and safety concerns. Challenges included repeated unauthorized expansion of the course, damage to soils and established vegetation, and construction of jumps that exceeded park rules. The closure allowed the City to ensure the park area could operate safely and sustainably.

At the July 7, 2022, meeting the Commission will continue their conversation from the April 26 and June 2 Parks and Recreation Commission meetings regarding a long-term location for the Bike Skills Area. The Commission will review and provide feedback on the Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Report (Exhibit 1) and Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Site Scoring Matrix (Exhibit 2), and if so, desired provide additional recommendations for staff to bring forward to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

On [April 26, 2022](#), the Parks and Recreation Commission held a Special Meeting to review the final Bike Skills Area Report and discuss staff recommendations and next steps. The Commission voted (4-0-1) to support Short-Term Option 2 (referenced in [staff report](#)) which would temporarily reopen the existing Bike Skills Area in Upper Luther Burbank Park in a limited fashion (e.g., a more simplified design), predicated on the City finding an alternative, long-term location that could be brought online within 2-3 years.

During the regular meeting on [June 2](#), staff presented the BSA Site Matrix and solicited feedback from the Commission on the analysis. Following the discussion, the Commission voted (3-1-1) to create a Bike Skills Area Subcommittee to meet, identify and evaluate a preferred long-term location. The Subcommittee, comprised of Chair McCarthy, Vice-Chair Struck, and Commissioner Burstein, were also asked to obtain input from impacted user groups and report back to the full Commission.

The Subcommittee met several times over the past month and developed a scoring matrix to help evaluate the 24 sites previously identified by City staff. The Report is attached as Exhibit 1.

DISCUSSION

Tonight, the Commission will discuss and provide feedback on recommendations by the Bike Skills Area Subcommittee. The explanation of the Subcommittee scoring matrix is attached as Exhibit 3. If so desired, the Commission may also wish to discuss or provide a recommendation on a long-term location to site the Bike Skills Area.

Staff is scheduled to provide a BSA Update at the July 19 City Council meeting and will be putting forth an appropriation request for design and construction work required to temporarily reopen the Upper Luther Burbank BSA Location, as recommended by the Commission at their April 26 Special Meeting. If additional recommendations are provided to staff, those recommendations will be included in the City Council packet materials.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss Bike Skills Area Subcommittee Report, if desired provide additional recommendations.